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SUBJECT: LOS GENERAL COMITE RECEIVES STATUS REPORTS 10 AUG.

SUMMARY. LOS CONFERENCE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING
10 AUG HEARD REPORTS FROM COMITE CHAIRMEN ON STATUS
OF WORK IN CONF. THUS FAR AND REPORT FROM ACTING
CONF. PRES. EVENSEN ON PROGRESS IN INFORMAL PLENARY
SESSIONS ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS
WERE MADE BY PERU, TURKEY AND US. END SUMMARY

1. ACTING LOS CONF PRES EVERSEN (NORWAY) CHAIRED
GENERAL COMITE MEETING 10 AUG TO RECEIVE REPORTS
OF PROGRESS OF WORK SINCE OPENING 2 AUGUST.

2. COMITE I CHAIRMAN ENGO (CAMEROON) REPORTED ON
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NEW PHENOMEON - PROCEDURAL DEBATE IN THE COMITE.

HE SAID HE PRODUCED RSNT AT LAST SESSION; NOW THE TEXT IS IN HANDS OF COMITE. ENGO SAID COMITE DECIDED TO CREATE ONE "WORKSHOP" WITH TWO CO-CHAIRMEN, (JAGOTA OF INDIA AND SUNDAAL OF NETHERLANDS), TO CONSIDER ALL SUBJECTS WITHIN THE COMITE'S MANDATE. SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE WEEKLY DRAFT REPORT OF WORK DONE TO CO-CHAIRMEN WHO WILL THEN SUBMIT JOINT REPORT TO FORMAL COMITE SESSION EACH FRI. MORNING. SESSION WILL RECEIVE REPORT, ADJOURN FOR REGIONAL GROUP CONSULTATIONS, AND THEN MEET FORMALLY AGAIN ON MONDAY FOR ON-RECORD DEBATE OF REPORT. (COMMENT. THIS SCHEDULE OF WORK HAS OBVIOUS DISADVANTAGE TO US OF PRODUCTION OF RSNT AT END OF SESSION BLANKETED BY HOSTILE REPORT REFLECTING DEBATE BY LDC MAJORITY. END COMMENT). ENGO SAID NO AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS PRODUCE CONSENSUS ON PACKAGE; IT IS NECESSARY, HE SAID, TO PRODUCE A REALISTIC DOCUMENT SATISFACTORY TO ALL. IN REPLY TO PRES QUERY HE SAID HE COULD NOT PREDICT TIMETABLE UNTIL AFTER 16 AUG. (COMMENT. ENGO APPEARED COMPARATIVELY SUBDUED AND APPARENTLY ANTICIPATES CO-CHAIRMEN TO BE INEFFECTIVE. END COMMENT)

3. COMITE II CHAIRMAN AGUILAR (VENEZUELA) REPORT CONCLUSION OF FOUR INFORMAL MEETINGS ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK AS SELECTION OF FOUR PRIORITY QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO GREATEST NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY 3 WORKING GROUPS CHAIRED BY AGUILAR: (A) DEFINITION AND LEGAL STATUS OF EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ) AND RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF COASTAL STATES AND OTHER STATES TO EXPLOIT LIVING RESOURCES IN THE EEZ; (B) RIGHTS OF LAND-LOCKED (L/L) AND OTHER STATES TO AND FROM THE ZONE; (C) REVENUE SHARING IN EXPLOITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND 200 MILES; AND (D) DEFINITION OF OUTER LIMITS OF CONTINENTAL MARGIN. AGUILAR ADDED OTHER SUBJECTS COULD BE CONSIDERED NOW OR AT LATER STAGE AND HEADINGS DID NOT PRE-JUDGE SUBSTANCE. HE BELIEVED 3 WEEK FOR ABOVE FOUR ISSUES AND TWO WEEKS' CONSIDERATION OF OTHER ISSUES COULD, PERHAPS, UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS. AGUILAR SAID CORE OF "VOLUNTEER" NEGOTIATORS IN WORKING GROUPS CONSISTED OF 79 STATES FOR CONSIDERATION OF ITEM (A); 42 FOR ITEM (B); AND 52 FOR ITEMS (C) AND (D). AGUILAR NOTED SOME BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND "TOO EARLY TO BE PESSIMISTIC", BUT EXPRESSED PERSONAL CONCERN AND CAUTION THAT STATEMENTS DURING PAST WEEK WERE TOO GENERAL AND NOT SPECIFIC ENOUGH

ON ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS.

4. COMITE III CHAIRMAN YANKOV (BULGARIA) SAID NEGOTIATIONS ON KEY ISSUES WOULD BE IN SMALL GROUPS AND FREQUENT MEETINGS OF THE COMITE. HE WOULD ALSO BE CONFERRING WITH C-II ON JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES REGARDING THE EEZ AND CONTENTAL SHELF AND WITH C-1 ON POLLUTION MATTERS CONCERNING THE SEA BED AUTHORITY. YANKOV SAID THE GREATEST CONTROVERSY WAS ON THE TWO MAIN ISSUES OF THE GOVERNING REGIME ON MARINE SCIENFITIC RESEARCH AND COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION IN THE TERRITORIAL SEA ON MATTERS RELATING TO VESSEL SOURCE POLLUTION. HIS PERSONAL VIEW IS OPTIMISTIC. HE SAID COMITE HAD REACHED THE STAGE WHERE INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD PREVAIL OVER STRICTLY NATIONAL POSITIONS. THE RSNT, ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HE SAID, WAS VIEWED BY THE GREATEST NEMBER OF DELEGATIONS AS PROVIDING BASIS FOR COMPROMISE AND CANNOT BE DEPARTED FROM WITHOUT DESTROYING THE PROGRESS. LATER, PERU (ARIAS-SCHRIEBER) INTERVENED TO SAY HE SHARED YANKOV'S OPTIMISM AND IT WAS CRITICAL NOT TO REGRESS FROM THE C-III RSNT TO OLD NATIONAL POSITIONS SINCE THE RSNT REPRESENTED THE PREVAILING VIEWS ON ZONES OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION. THE US (AMB. LEARSON) SIAD IT WAS WELL KNOW THAT WE HAD IMPORTANT PROBLEMS WITH THE C-III TEXT ON MARINE SCIENTICIF RESEARCH. THE US HOPES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND THE COMITE TO REACH A SOLUTION AND WE HOPE YANKOV'S REMARKS DID NOT MEAN TO PRECLUDE SUCH AN EFFORT. YANKOV DID NOT REPLY.

5. PART IV. ACTING PRES EVENSEN SAID INFORMAL
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PLENARY SESSIONS ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT DECIDED TO DELAY CONSIDERATION OF PREAMBLE AND FINAL CLAUSES UNTIL LATER STAGES IN THE CONF. HE REPORTED SATISFACTORY PROGRESS OF ARTICLE BY ARTICLE CONSIDERATION OF PART IV BUT SAID PLENERY CANNOT ACHIEVE REAL SOLUTIONS UNTIL SUBSTANCE OF WORK OF CONF IN OTHER AREAS IS SETTLED. PLENARY THEREFORE DECIDED ITS DELIBERATIONS ARE ONLY PRELIMINARY; THEY HOPE TO CONCLUDE BY END OF NEXT WEEK.

6. TURKEY INTERVENED TO PROTEST SELECTION AND LENGTH OF TIME TO CONSIDER FOUR PRIORITY ISSUES AND INSUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER OTHER ISSUES. CHILE ASKED FOR EARLY DEBATE IN PLENARY OR PREAMBLE AND FINAL CLAUSES. EVENSEN REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD

BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT GENERAL COMITE MEETING
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